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In re Patent Application of:

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CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATION UTILIZING A  
MOVABLE COLLECTION ASSEMBLY  
(AS AMENDED)

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1774**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 14, 2011, for which a response is due on June 14, 2011. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** consisting of a complete set of replacement drawing figures (8 sheets, 8 figures) follows page 11 of this paper.